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TO : ATTN:	CI/R&A E	FROM:	CI/OP/C
<p>SUBJECT: AVENGERS</p> <p>Ref. CD-1005, 4 Feb 66</p> <p>Attached memo re work I have done re French aspects, i.e. articles re Soviet partisans in France; for your info and files if desired.</p> <p>Trust your people picked up and input data at pp. 120, 124 re Lt. Vitaly KUCHERENKO, Sov. partisan intelligence chief in Hasselt-Diest-Maaseyck area of Belgium.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> SIGNATURE</p>			
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CI Staff

SUBJECT : Soviet Partisans in France During World War II, 1943-1944

1. Reference is made to my memorandum, subject as above, dated 7 October 1965, that forwarded to you a translation of a Russian article by KOKORIN and STRUCHKOV of March 1960, "The Military Activities of Soviet Patriots in France during 1943-1944," along with alphabetical listings I prepared of Soviet partisans, Soviet partisan organizations, towns in France, and Frenchmen reported in contact with Soviet partisans, all for possible discussion with AELADLE and for transmittal to [] , with request for traces and comments.

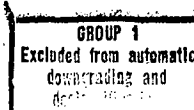
2. Reference is made further to CI/R&A memo CD-1005 of 4 February 1966, commenting on the Russian book AVENGERS. I have gone through the book for information relevant to the above subject and have prepared alphabetical listings of Soviet "partisans" in France, Frenchmen in contact, and French towns or areas involved, along with an explanatory cover memo, copies of which are attached for your information and files, for possible discussion with AELADLE and for transmittal to [] , re which an additional memorandum is also attached, in draft form.

3. If any substantive response or comments can be obtained from AELADLE or [] , I should be interested in the results.

[]
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Attachment a/s

cc: C/CI/SIG (re cases F#35, F#..(Sov. partisans))
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SUBJECT: Soviet Partisans in France (WW II) - Comments

1. Gaston LAROCHE, described as French CP representative to the Soviet partisans in Eastern France, might be identical with Saul MATLINE, born 31 May 1908, Alexandrovsk, Russia, aka Gaston LAROCHE, who had been active with the FTP (Communist dominated French guerrillas) and later was Secretary General of the U.G.E.V.R.E., Union Generale des Engages Volontaires et Resistants Etrangers (General Union of Volunteers and Foreign Resistants).

2. Gen. DRAGUN, USSR representative in France, undoubtedly is identical with Soviet Gen. DRAGOUN, reported as representative of the Soviet forces in Paris and as Chief, Soviet Military Mission in Paris, c. 1944-1945. Reportedly he was an important NKVD personality and was in contact with Nicolas KAGAN, French banker/financier of Russian birth, reportedly re distribution of secret funds. Reportedly c. January 1945 a sale of contemporary art pictures, for the benefit of Soviet prisoners of wars and deportees, was held in France under the sponsorship of French Gen. Koenig and Soviet Gen. DRAGOUN, in which KAGAN was also involved (possibly as a sponsor?). At the time his photograph appeared in Paris newspapers with Gen. DRAGOUN and Pablo PICASSO.

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